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Mr. Kent Dahlquist Union Carbide Corporation Metals Division Uravan, Colorado 81436

Re:

Tentative Approval Hecla Shaft Wilson-Silverbell Mine LaSal-Snowball Mine Deremo Mine

Dear Kent:

As you know, on December 20, 1978, the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining concurred with the Division's decision to issue conditional tentative approval to the Hecla Shaft Mine in San Juan County, Utah. Conditional tentative approval is granted at this time so that the public notice period may begin and proposed construction dates may be met. Tentative approval is granted with the condition that final plans for the mine and waste-rock facilities are received and approved prior to site disturbance and construction.

A condensed version of the tentatively approved Mining and Reclamation Plan will be published one time only in both Salt Lake City and San Juan County newspapers. If no adverse public comment of substance is received within 30 days, final approval will be granted upon receipt of the reclamation surety. Ground disturbance and construction may not commence prior to the receipt of the reclamation surety and final approval.

On December 21, 1978 the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining concurred with the Division's decision to issue tentative approval to the Wilson-Silverbell, LaSal-Snowball, and Deremo Mines. Condensed versions of this Mining and Reclamation Plans will also be published once in Salt Lake City and San Juan County newspapers. Final approval for these operations will be granted if no adverse public comments received within 30 days of publication and upon receipt of the reclamation surety.

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Estimated reclamation sureties for the mines are listed below.

Wilson-Silverbell \$28,332 LaSal-Snowball \$46,300 Deremo \$10,696

Copies of the estimates are enclosed for your reference. Reclamation Surety for the Hecla Shaft will be estimated before the publication period as ended. Please consult with your company and reply with a form of surety agreeable with Union Carbide Corporation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

RONALD W. DANIELS

COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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